

REMARKS

The foregoing changes limit the claims to the scope of subject matter which the examiner has found allowable. No agreement with any aspect of the Office Action is to be implied. The wording change in the independent claims makes no change in scope. It merely further clarifies what was already clear in view of the specification.

Claims 20–124 (with the deletions shown above) correspond to the claim scope embodying a limitation of objected-to claim 38. There are two independent claims reciting the limitation of claim 38, i.e., claims 20 and 119.

New claims 125-145 are based on the limitation of objected-to claim 41 which is incorporated into the two independent claims 125 and 126.

Claims 146-164 are based on the limitation of objected-to claim 102 which limitation is incorporated into the independent claims 146 and 147.

Claims 165-189 are based on objected-to claim 88 whose limitation is incorporated into the independent claims 165 and 166.

All of the independent and dependent claims correspond exactly to the wording of the prior corresponding independent and dependent claims, except as noted herein.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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